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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager 
Subject: Cities Establishing Spending Plans in Advance of Receiving ARP Dollars

In response to Council Member Chris Seelbach's request, this memo lists several cities that news accounts indicate have established spending plans before receiving American Rescue Plan dollars.

The American Rescue Plan Act was passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. The American Rescue Plan Act provides funding to metropolitan cities, such as Cincinnati, which is to be transferred to cities 60 days from its date of passage. As this transfer is now less than one week from today, it is unsurprising that cities are moving quickly to distribute this funding to help bring stability throughout their communities.

The Act provides funding for a broad variety of economic assistance initiatives, including direct assistance to nonprofits and small businesses impacted by the pandemic. It also provides for expenditures to aid impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.

The City is moving quickly to help Cincinnatians and has not paused to see whether other cities are similarly motivated and effective. However, a cursory review of publicly available information yields news accounts suggesting that the following municipal corporations are actively determining how to spend the millions of dollars they are receiving through the American Rescue Plan Act.

<u>Columbus, Ohio</u>	<u>Kettering, Ohio</u>
<u>Alexandria, Virginia</u>	<u>Lancaster, Ohio</u>
<u>Austin, Texas</u>	<u>Madison, Wisconsin</u>
<u>Birmingham, Alabama</u>	<u>New Haven, Connecticut</u>
<u>Dayton, Ohio</u>	<u>Shelby, Ohio</u>
<u>Findlay, Ohio</u>	<u>Toledo, Ohio</u>
<u>Kansas City, Missouri</u>	<u>Youngstown, Ohio</u>

There can be no doubt that many other cities across the country are similarly motivated to hit the ground running when funding arrives next week. We anticipate a flood of similar actions and headlines in the coming days and weeks.